

REMARKS

By this preliminary amendment, claims 1-32 have been amended, and new claims 33-65 have been added.

A version showing claim changes is attached.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Twice Amended) A method [for] of managing software conflicts in a computer system, [the method] comprising the steps of:
[determining] receiving change information regarding [which represents] actual changes made to [a computer system's] files and other shared resources during installation of different applications into the computer system;
processing the change information to determine conflict information pertaining to [which indicates] which files and shared resources conflict with one another;
storing the conflict information in a database [of interrelated tables]; and
resolving [the] any software conflicts based on the stored conflict information.
2. (Amended) The method [as claimed in] of claim 1, wherein the conflict information includes DLL file conflict information.
3. (Amended) The method [as claimed in] of claim 1, wherein the conflict information includes registry conflict information.
4. (Amended) The method [as claimed in] of claim 1, wherein the conflict information includes shortcut conflict information.
5. (Amended) The method [as claimed in] of claim 1, wherein the conflict information includes driver conflict information.
6. (Amended) The method [as claimed in] of claim 1, wherein the conflict information includes data source conflict information.

7. (Amended) The method [as claimed in] of claim 1, wherein the conflict information includes service conflict information.

8. (Amended) The method [as claimed in] of claim 1, wherein the conflict information includes device conflict information.

9. (Amended) The method [as claimed in] of claim 1, wherein the conflict information includes Microsoft Windows Installer component conflict information.

10. (Amended) The method [as claimed in] of claim 1, wherein the conflict information includes autoexec.bat conflict information.

11. (Amended) The method [as claimed in] of claim 1, wherein the conflict information includes config.sys conflict information.

12. (Amended) The method [as claimed in] of claim 1, wherein the conflict information includes INI changes conflict information.

13. (Amended) The method [as claimed in] of claim 1, wherein the conflict information includes path conflict information.

14. (Amended) The method [as claimed in] of claim 1, wherein the step of resolving any software conflicts includes the step of generating an installer [from the information] based on the stored [in the database for the at least one application] conflict information.

15. (Amended) The method [as claimed in] of claim 1, wherein at least one of the tables has a conflict field for storing a conflict level indication therein.

16. (Twice Amended) A computer-readable storage medium having stored therein a program which executes the steps of:

[determining] receiving change information regarding [which represents] actual changes made to [a computer system's] files and other shared resources during installation of different applications into the computer system;

processing the change information to determine conflict information pertaining to [which indicates] which files and shared resources conflict with one another;

storing the conflict information in a database [of interrelated tables]; and

resolving any software conflicts based on the stored conflict information.

17. (Amended) The storage medium [as claimed in] of claim 16, wherein the program further executes the step of generating an installer for the at least one application.

18. (Twice Amended) A system for managing software conflicts, [the system] comprising:

means for [determining] receiving change information regarding [which represents] actual changes made to a computer system's files and other shared resources during installation of different applications into the computer system;

means for processing the change information to determine conflict information pertaining to [which indicates] which files and shared resources conflict with one another;

a database [of interrelated tables] for storing the conflict information; and

means for resolving the software conflicts based on the stored conflict information.

19. (Amended) The system [as claimed in] of claim 18, wherein the conflict information includes DLL file conflict information.

20. (Amended) The system [as claimed in] of claim 18, wherein the conflict information includes registry conflict information.

21. (Amended) The system [as claimed in] of claim 18, wherein the conflict information includes shortcut conflict information.

22. (Amended) The system [as claimed in] of claim 18, wherein the conflict information includes driver conflict information.

23. (Amended) The system [as claimed in] of claim 18, wherein the conflict information includes data source conflict information.

24. (Amended) The system [as claimed in] of claim 18, wherein the conflict information includes service conflict information.

25. (Amended) The system [as claimed in] of claim 18, wherein the conflict information includes device conflict information.

26. (Amended) The system [as claimed in] of claim 18, wherein the conflict information includes Microsoft Windows Installer component conflict information.

27. (Amended) The system [as claimed in] of claim 18, wherein the conflict information includes autoexec.bat conflict information.

28. (Amended) The system [as claimed in] of claim 18, wherein the conflict information includes config.sys conflict information.

29. (Amended) The system [as claimed in] of claim 18, wherein the conflict information includes INI changes conflict information.

30. (Amended) The system [as claimed in] of claim 18, wherein the conflict information includes path conflict information.

31. (Amended) The system [as claimed in] of claim 18, wherein the means for resolving includes means for generating an installer from the information stored in the database for the at least one application.

32. (Amended) The system [as claimed in] of claim 18, wherein at least one of the tables has a conflict field for storing a conflict level indicator therein.